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SUBJ: CRITICAL NEED FOR SULFUR TRIOXIDE IN PANAMA

REF: (A) PANAMA 3746; (B) PANAMA 3736

1. AFTER TRANSMITTING REFTEL ON THE URGENT NEED FOR SULFUR TRIOXIDE BY TWO DETERGENT PLANTS IN PANAMA, EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIRMAN OF ONE OF THE PLANTS, CIA PANAMENA DE ACEITES (CPA) REQUESTING FURTHER ASSISTANCE. FOR REASONS STATED PARA 2, USDOC IS REQUESTED HANDLE TO TRANSMITTED REF B ON PRIORITY BASIS AND EXTEND APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING SUPPLIER ABLE MAKE EARLY SHIPMENT (SEE ESPECIALLY PARA 3, BELOW).

2. CPA CHAIRMAN FERNANDO ELETA PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON SITUATION AND CURRENT EFFORTS. SULFUR TRIOXIDE IS BASIC RAW MATERIAL CPA USES IN MAKING COLGATE AND PROCTOR & GAMBLE AND LOCAL BRAND DETERGENTS. CPA'S INABILITY TO MEET INTERNAL DEMAND FOR DETERGENTS HAS CAUSED PROBLEMS FOR IT WITH OFFICE OF PRICE CONTROL AND NATIONAL SUPPLY COMMISSION. IT PREFERABLE THAT PRIVATE SECTOR RESOLVE ITS SUPPLY PROBLEM WITHOUT FURTHER INTERVENTION THESE GOVERNMENT BODIES. PLANTS FACED WITH IMMINENT SHUTDOWN UNLESS SHIPMENT RECEIVED THIS MONTH.

3. IT APPARENT THAT ONLY DUPONT AND ALLIED CHEMICAL PRODUCE SULFUR TRIOXIDE AND BOTH EXPERIENCING PROBLEMS IN PRODUCTION AND IN OBTAINING SPECIAL BARRELS FOR SHIPMENT ABROAD. CPA HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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THEREFORE ATTEMPTED SECURE BULK SHIPMENT IN THEIR OWN TANKS OF

11 SHORT TONS GROSS WEIGHT. ALLIED, WHICH COLLABORATING
THIS ATTEMPT, IS EXPERIENCING DELAYS IN SECURING USCG AND ICC
AUTHORIZATION FOR SUCH SHIPMENTS. ALLIED OFFICERS WORKING ON
PROBLEM ARE MCKLEM AND REHAUSER, TEL. (201) 455-5571,
MORRISTOWN, N.J. CONTACT AT DUPONT IS MR. FOX, 1007 MARKET,
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